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Dr. Ralph G+ Meader,  
Jane Coffin Childs Fund,  
Yale University Medical School.

Dear Dr+ Meader:

Some time ago you suggested that it might be possible if things went well to extend the term of my fellowship. At that time, I was obliged to close that question because of my status in the Naval Reserve, requiring that I remain in continuous attendance in Medical School. While my plans at present are to return to P+S in the Fall, I should like to reopen the question, inasmuch as I have just been notified by the Navy Dept. that they no longer require that I remain in school. If something very exciting comes up I should probably like to stay here somewhat longer and would request a leave of absence from Columbia, and an extension of the fellowship. At the present time, however, I should prefer simply to have the matter open.

Sincerely, yours,

Joshua Lederberg.